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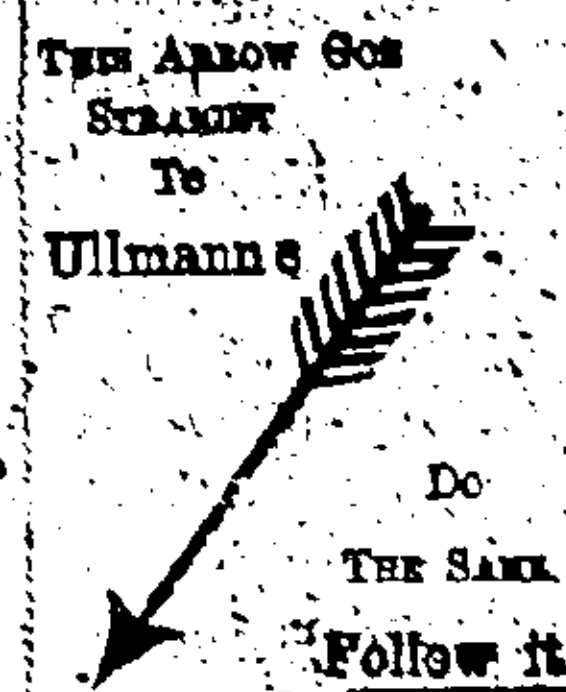
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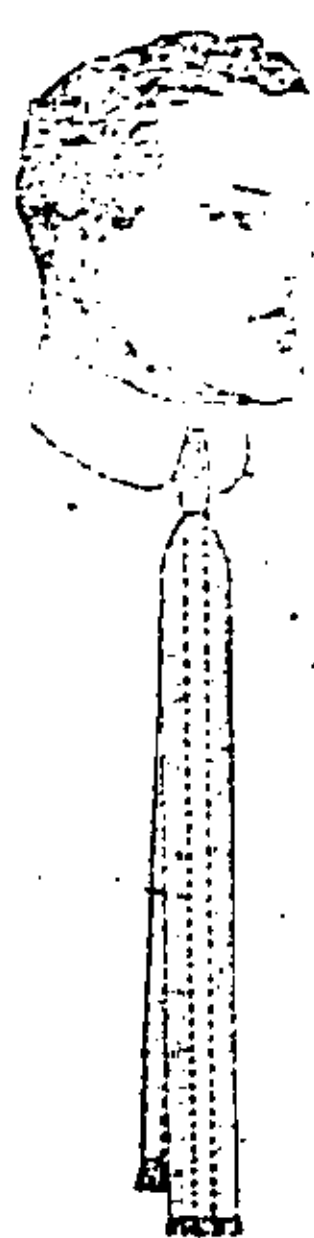
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

GOVERNMENT ATTACKED.

LORD ROBERT CECIL SUPPORTS VISCOUNT GREY.

NEW ADMINISTRATION WANTED.

LONDON, October 12.
A letter Lord Robert Cecil has published supporting Viscount Grey's criticisms of the Government already cabled says: "We want an administration which will have a clear and definite programme and pursue the evolution of its way undisturbed by passing gusts of popular excitement." Lord Robert Cecil suggests that Viscount Grey would be the man to head such an administration. Lord Robert Cecil is prepared to co-operate with Viscount Grey in spite of the fact he is a Liberal and urges all who think similarly to join in an effort to restore to Britain an administration which will give security at home and command confidence abroad.

AUSTRALIA'S PLANS.

AMERICANS BOLDLY BIDDING FOR INVESTMENT.

SYDNEY, October 12.
Americans are boldly bidding for further investments in Australia. A prominent American is reported to have said that America is prepared to lend New South Wales an extra \$100,000,000 in the event of difficulty in London with regard to renewals. It is argued here that the investment of \$100,000,000 of American money in Australia would increase Australia's security in the event of trouble in the Far East inasmuch as the force of public feeling in America would be in that event more likely to compel the United States Government to give Australia the most effective naval protection possible.

COMMONWEALTH'S DECISION.

MELBOURNE, October 13.
In the House of Representatives, replying to a Labour member, Sir Joseph Cook, the Federal Treasurer said that the Commonwealth did not intend to borrow in America.

IRISH TRUCE.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERS STRICTER OBSERVANCE.

LONDON, October 12.
It is stated that the Irish peace conference appointed a committee consisting of three representatives of each side to consider questions relating to stricter observance of the truce in Ireland.

LONDON, October 12.
Sir Hamar Greenwood and Sir L. Worthington Evans on behalf of the Government, and Messrs. Michael Collins, Barton and Duggan, of the Irish delegation, conferred for three hours for the purpose of considering the question of the Irish truce. General Macready attended to deal with technical points. The results will be reported to the full conference to-morrow.

IMPRISONED POPULAR COUNCILLORS.

DIVISIONAL COURT ORDERS THEIR RELEASE.

LONDON, October 12.
The Divisional Court has ordered the release of the Poplar Councillors. The release of the Poplar councillors was the result of a petition in which they apologised to the court and expressed a desire to assist the authorities in reaching a solution of the difficulties of the present situation.

CFSAREVITCHE RESULT.

YUTOI 100-8 WINS BY FOUR LENGTHS.

LONDON, October 12.
The result of the Cesarevitch was as follows:—Yutoi, 1; Charleville, 2; and Harrier, 3. Seventeen ran. Four lengths separated first from second and five second from third. The best was as follows:—Yutoi, 100-8; Charleville, 40-1; and Harrier, 6-1.

SECRET MEETING SURPRISED.

BELGIAN POLICE ARREST EX-GERMAN OFFICERS.

BRUSSELS, October 12.
Belgian military police arrested at Orefeld a number of former officers of the German Army who were about to hold a secret meeting. Documents were seized and are now being examined.

SHIPPING QUESTIONS.

BRITISH EXPERT'S MISSION TO AMERICA.

NEW YORK, October 12.
Sir Ernest Raeburn, former Director-General of the British Ministry of Shipping at New York, has arrived here. His mission is stated to be to adjust certain shipping questions affecting Britain and the United States, including valuation of ex-German shipping held in America.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

CABINET TACKLES DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

LONDON, October 12.
The Cabinet to-day discussed the Government's plan for dealing with unemployment, trade revival, the Washington Conference, and proposals for altering the form of the German indemnity.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2 11 1 8
To-day's opening rate 2 11 1 8

GARDENING NOTES.

The following notes were written for the Hongkong Horticultural Society.

Work for the month of October.
Sow all (Hongkong) Winter flowering annuals should now be sown in pans under shelter.

The varieties which may be sown are too numerous to mention here, but a list of practically all those grown in the Colony may be seen on application to the Honorary Secretary of the Society.

The following vegetables should now be sown in open ground:—
(The usual precautions against mice and ants, mentioned in last month's notes, should be taken.)

Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kohl Rabi, Brussels Sprouts, Carrot, Beet, Leek, Parsnip, Turnip, Lettuce, Radish, French Bean, Salsify, Pickled Spinach, Onion, Sage, Thyme, Sweet Marjoram, Parsley, and Pea.

Every seed should be sown in pans under shelter once every fortnight.

Planting of Potatoes may now be commenced and continued every fortnight up to the end of January, 1922.

Rosebuds should now be heavily manured with well-rotted stable manure, also layers may now be made in order to secure young plants for next season's planting.

Trees of Bauhinia Blakeana may now be layered, care should be taken to keep the layered branches wet by means of syringe or watercan, during the dry season.

Old plants of Violet and Calla (Arum Lily) should be reotted.

Watering of all except terrestrial Orchids should now be much lessened, a light watering or syringing once a week being quite sufficient.

Cuttings of all varieties of Coleus should be made to produce a stock of young plants for next spring.

Heaps of leafsoil and garden rubbish, if well rotted, should now be sifted and the fine soil, after being well dried, should be used for mixing with soil for pot plants.

Ashes from rubbish fires and coarse vegetable refuse should be dug into shrubberies.

Flowering shrubs, particularly those on sloping banks, should have the soil about them well broken up and a layer of manure 2" deep laid over the broken soil, this will have the effect of keeping the roots moist throughout the dry season.

Ground not required for immediate use should be dug to a depth of 2 feet and the top soil should not be raked to the fineness of sand but allowed to remain in large lumps.

A sharp lookout should be kept for all kinds of caterpillars and boring insects, which do great damage to young trees and shrubs at this season, the best method of dealing with these pests is by spraying with insecticide. Ready made insecticides and sprays, with directions for use, may now be purchased locally.

CAREFUL BURGLAR.

SLEEPING FLAT INMATES NOT DISTURBED.

A burglar entered the second floor of No. 20, Shelley Street, between 1 and 7.30 a.m., yesterday. Admission was gained by breaking a pane of glass in the verandah window and drawing back the bolt. Two leather bags containing clothing and some pieces of valuable cloth worth together \$277, were stolen from a cubicle. The intruder did his work so carefully that none of the sleeping inmates were awakened, and it was not until morning that the burglary was discovered.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. P. Laffagan, of the Revenue Department, to Miss Lydia Carolina Stotham, of Victoria Barracks.

Mr. J. McKelvie, of the Kowloon Dock, to Miss Agnes Denison, en route from Scotland by the a.s. "Sylvia."

Mr. J. McKenzie Jack, engineer, of No. 1 Canton Villa, Kowloon, to Miss "May" Sybil Williamson, of Parliament Hill, London, England.

Mr. I. B. Ellis, of No. 6, Chancery Lane, to Miss Molly Isaac, of No. 42, Elgin Street.

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Between Season's Goods.

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Grey Flannel Trousers. London-made, ready for wear. All sizes from 32 waist; exceptionally low priced \$14.50.
Paris Garters at \$1.25 pair.
"Lova" White Handkerchiefs. Mercerized Cotton at \$8.50 doz.
Stik & Wool Underwear. Light-weight quality, beautifully soft and comfortable to wear. All sizes in stock \$10.50 suit.
Large Assortment of Fancy Ties. Also Plain Barachas Silk, assorted colors, from \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 & \$3.50.
Assorted Plain-Coloured Elastic Braces, Ivory Stripes \$1.75.
"Pyramid" Handkerchiefs. Fancy colored borders. \$7.50 doz.

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Public Auctions

THE Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

THURSDAY, October 13, 1921,

commencing at 3 p.m.

at the premises of the United Motor

Co. Ltd., Kowloon.

One 1918 Ford Tractor,

No. 12309 H.P.

Motor, 22 1/2 H.P. Delivering 40 H.P.

to four wheels.

Speed: 10 Miles per hour.

Body: Platform body, Standard 4 x 6

feet.

Carrying Capacity: One and a half

tons.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,

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Hongkong, October 7, 1921.

on

SATURDAY, October 15, 1921,

at 12 o'clock (noon).

at their Sales Rooms, Daddell Street.

2 Pair Black Ducks.

3 Turkeys.

1 White Brahma Cock.

5 White Brahma Hens.

2 Brown Brahma Hens.

1 White Leghorn Cockerel.

6 White Leghorn Pullets.

2 White Leghorn Cocks.

3 White Leghorn Hens.

2 Brown Leghorn Pullets.

1 Brown Leghorn Cockerel.

1 Pen Chinese Chickens.

3 White Rabbits.

2 Chickens—cups and wire runs.

(All the Leghorns are pedigree birds.)

On view on day of sale.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, October 11, 1921.

FARES FOR PUBLIC

VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria, with two Bearers.

Quarter hour, 10 cents

Half hour, 20 "

One hour, 35 "

Two hours, 70 "

Three hours, 105 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), \$1.00

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,

half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6

a.m. the above fares shall be increased

by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour, 0.60 cents.

Three hours, \$1.00.

Six hours, 1.50

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 2.00

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour, \$0.15 \$0.30

Half hour, 0.20 0.40

One hour, 0.30 0.60

Two hours, 0.50 1.00

Three hours, 0.70 1.50

Six hours, 1.00 2.00

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 1.50 2.00

RICKSHAS.

I.—In the Island of Hongkong, if engaged

in Victoria.

Ten minutes, 5 cents

Quarter hour, 10 "

Half hour, 15 "

One hour, 20 "

Every subsequent hour 20 "

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged

within the City of Victoria, and be dis-

engaged outside the Western part of the

City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-

engaged to the East of Pay View Police

Station on the Eastern side of the City

of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half

fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon

Quarter hour, 5 cents.

Half hour, 10 "

Hour, 20 "

Every subsequent hour 10 "

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added

for each extra hour, or part

of an hour if the hirer causes

the journey to take longer

than—

4th mile, 75 cents. 1 hour,

return, \$1.00. 2 hours,

single, \$1.20. 3 hours,

return, \$1.60. 4 hours,

single, \$1.75. 5 hours,

return, \$2.00. 6 hours,

single, \$2.00. 7 hours,

return, \$2.50. 8 hours,

single, \$2.50. 9 hours,

return, \$3.00.

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th

mile to be a matter of previous arrange-

ment in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one

ricksha with three coolies from Tsim Sha

Tei.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE

AVOIDED.

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted

when the child has a cold. The

cold prepares the child's system for

the reception and development of the

diphtheria germs. When there are cases

of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children

that have colds should be kept at home

and the street is still recovered. Give

them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and

they will not have to remain at home

long. It also cleans out the culture

beds, which form in a child's throat

when it has a cold, and minimize the

risk of contracting infection or disease.

For sale by all Chemists and Store-

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food for infants which keeps good in
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MILFORD-McGRATH-FLUID-INSECT-
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Flies, Mosquitoes, Bugs, Fleas and all
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(4) JOHN CABELL'S GOLDEN
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HONGKONG'S ROADS.

A MOTORING DELIGHT.

There are many residents in Hong-
kong to-day who can remember the
time when there were no more than
half-a-dozen motor-cars in the colony,
each one being an object of super-
stitions awe and childlike curiosity to
John Chinaman. The old fable of
the attempt to poison the first steam-
roller is too well known to bear re-
petition, but the glimpse of the native
mind therein fairly well epitomises
their attitude towards motor-traffic
generally on its first introduction.

This was only about 15 years ago, but

what a change! To-day 95 per cent.

of the cars on the road have Chinese

drivers, and the sight of whole

families of Chinese "joy-riding" is too

common to attract the slightest at-

tention. Nowhere is one entirely free

from the buzz of the "Claxton" or

the toot of the horn; public garages

abound, new motor companies are

continually being formed, and the

number of private cars is legion says

The Oriental Motor.

Whether the influx of cars led the

making of the fine motor roads or

vice-versa is a moot point, but the

roads are there, and that they are

appreciated is obvious from the traffic

thereon. "The" motor-road from the

point of view of visitors of Hong-

kong is of course the recently com-

pleted road round the island. This

road completely encircles Hongkong

proper, opening up some magnificent

scenery and allowing the tourist to

gain a general idea of the island in a

couple of hours.

Running right through the city of

Victoria the road follows the sea front

past the Sooi Kuo-Poo Polo ground

and the large Tai Koo Docks to Sha-

kwan, whence it runs on an easy

gradient through wooded hills to

Tsim Wan Gap. Here a new road

(incomplete as yet) branches off

to Shek-O, standing at the junction

of the two roads one can look

down into Tai Tam Reservoir and

across the bay to Cape

D'Agular and the adjacent islands.

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Under the authority of the Government
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(for account of the Government),
on

TUESDAY,

October 18, 1921, commencing at 2.30
p.m. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

Several Lots of
Travelling Rugs, Blankets, Carpets
(3 x 3 yds., 3 x 3 yds., 3 x 4 yds., and
3 x 4 yds.), Mohair Rugs, Stair Car-
pets, Pillow Cases, Turkish Towels, Bed
Sheeting and Bedspreads.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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Hongkong, October 10, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT),

TUESDAY,

October 18, 1921, commencing at
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TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD

FURNITURE, BRASS AND TEAK-

WOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS,

CARPETS,

Comprising—

Dining Suite, Chesterfield Sofas,
Arm-chairs (new), Card and Occasional
Tables, Teakwood Twin Bedsteads,
large and small Wardrobes, Dressing
Tables and Chairs, Washstands, &c.
(fumed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner
Wagons, Dinner Services, Cutlery,
Glass Ware, Crockery, Electro-plated
Ware, One American Ice Chest.

Electric Reading Lamps, Screens,
Sundry Blackwood Furniture, Chairs,
Cabinets, Pictures, Enamel Bath,
&c., &c., &c.

Also

Brass Bed, Blackwood Cabinets, &c.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms: Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, October 12, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE GOVERNMENT),

MONDAY,

October 24, 1921, at 11 a.m. at No. 7,
Humphreys Buildings,
Kowloon.

THE

Valuable Household Furniture,

therein contained.

Including Dining Room Suite, Ches-
terfield & Arm-chairs, Teakwood and
Indian Rugs, Dinner Service and Glass
Ware.

And

Kitchen Utensils.

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Hongkong, October 8, 1921.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs
on the 1st October, 1921—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS

LEVEL.

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INTIMATIONS.

G. R.

NOTICE.

OWNERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

are requested to apply at the

vehicle licensing office, Central Police

Station, for an enamel Motor Vehicle

licence number plate.

In future, the registration number

plates will be—

(1) Motor cars—Enamel plate on the

back of the car.

Original plate on the front of the

car.

(2) Motor Cycles—Enamel plate on

the front of the cycle.

Original plate on the back of the

cycle.

It is requested that one of the original

number plates now in use shall be

returned to the licensing office in

exchange for the enamel number plate.

E. D. C. WOLFE,

Captain Superintendent of Police.

6th October 1921.

HARBOUR RACE.

Monday, 24th, Ladies.

Tuesday, 25th, Gentlemen.

Both Races will start

at 5.15 sharp.

ENTRANCE FEE \$1.

Entries close to the Hon. Sec.

on Thursday, 20th, inst.

To be followed on the evening

of the 25th by a

CARNIVAL

in aid of

Dr. Barnardo's Homes and

Ministering Children's League.

Admission to Carnival \$1.

R. C. WITCHELL,

Hon. Secretary.

Victoria Recreation Club.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that

MR. CHARLES ANDREW

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QUAINT INDIAN RITES.

VILLAGE WOMEN'S PRAYERS FOR RAIN.

It is a hot, breathless evening in

late June. writes an Indian corres-

pondent in the *Daily Telegraph*. The

monsoon is long overdue; the fields

are grey with dust and drought; the

rice seedlings that should be so emerald

green in their square plots are shrunk-

en and yellow. The sky is just the

colour of light on polished brass; not

a cloud breaks its hard monotony.

Against it the dense foliage of the

bamboo clumps is motionless and

sharply defined. From the village of

thatched huts that hide behind the

bamboos comes the shrill sound of

women singing. Presently a small

procession appears on the dusty road,

slender figures in their saris of indigo

and pink and dingy white, each

balancing a large basket on her

head. These are the wives and

daughters of the rajputs who till

the neighbouring fields, and they are

about to perform a puja or cere-

mony to call down the long-desired

rain. They go singing from village

to village, and at each they demand a

dole of grain, fruit, or vegetables, any-

thing that is the produce of the land.

When night falls they return, and

going to the house of the gomastha or

headman of the village, they ask for

the loan of the plough. He refuses it

angrily and persistently, in spite of

their pleading. Then they fall upon

him, hustle him, throw him

down, and bind him with ropes,

and finally carry off the plough

in triumph. All this is play-acting,

most realistically carried out, for the Indian is a born actor.

YOKED TO THE PLOUGH.

Now the women go out into the

dark fields with the plough. Two are

chosen from the little crowd; they

must be widows, of unimpeachable

character, and noted for their industry

and wisdom. They are yoked to the

plough and draw a furrow in the sun-

baked soil, while the headman's wife

walks behind, scattering like seed, a

portion of the produce collected from

the villagers. The remainder is

given next morning to the priests.

Next, the women go to the nearest

pond and fill a large earthen jar with

water, into which they put all the

frogs they can catch.

This is carried to the house of a neigh-

bour well-known for her evil temper

and abusive tongue, the greatest shrew

in the village. It is past midnight

now, and the villagers are all asleep

on mats in their little open courtyards.

The women go softly into the court-

yard of the shrew, with low whispers

and subdued chuckles of laughter.

They can just distinguish the figure of

the sleeping woman. Suddenly they

fling down the earthen jar beside her

mat. It is shattered on the hard

ground with a loud crash that resounds

through the silent night. The shrew

wakes, splashed with water and sur-

rounded by the struggling frogs. She

jumps up, convulsed with rage.

Standing before her unwelcome

visitors, she sways backwards and

forwards in her wrath and pours on

them all the abuse of which she is

mistress, a ceaseless and virulent

stream of words. Far from resenting it

the women are delighted, for this is a

charm. As the angry words pour

from the mouth of the shrew, so shall

the rain pour down from the clouds

and save their crops.

The puja is finished; it only re-

mains to consult the oracle as to its

success. A year-old baby, soft and

warm and brown, is taken from its

bed, wreathed with jasmine flowers,

and set on a bamboo platform with

little oil-lamps burning on either side.

They ask it anxiously, "Is the rain

coming?" "If the sleepy child says

"Hah," which means "Yes," all is well.

The small oracle is taken back to its

bed, and the women go happily to

their homes.

WASIT DEEP IN WATER.

In February comes a less pleasant

puja, the chhuth. This is observed

by women who have a boon to ask

of the gods; perhaps it is a childless

wife who craves a son, or one whose

husband or child is smitten with some

disease; the chhuth is an opportunity

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BIRTHS.

BEDDOW.—On October 1, 1921, at
Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs. L. T.
Beddow, a son.

BOWDEN.—On October 1, 1921, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. V.
Gordon Bowden, a daughter.

MARKS.—On October 6, 1921, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. S.
Marks, a son.

NATHAN.—On October 6, 1921, at
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. E. S.
Nathan, 100 Seward Road, a son.

DEATH.

ENTER.—On October 6, 1921, at
Shanghai, John Charles Orville,
dearly beloved son of Mr. and
Mrs. F. Eitler, aged 11½ months.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 13, 1921.

IS JUSTICE TRANSCENDED?

According to this week's lecturer,
"the principle that it is more blessed
to give than to receive" transcends
justice, and the existence of a body of
men and women who believe that
principle will powerfully counteract
the suspicious and antagonistic forces
that threaten to disrupt society. Let us
meditate on that.

It is a fact that for an appreciable
period of historic time we have had a
considerable body of men and women
who have believed that, and believed
it very heartily. It is also a fact that
they have not powerfully counteracted
the suspicious and antagonistic forces
that are causing the world. Must we
conclude that they did not really
believe, but only pretended to
believe? Not at all. They did believe and do
believe. Many of us know empirically,

that the gratification of the one
instinct showed trust in the Heavenly
Father, or Providence, and the other
gratification showed distrust. Now-
adays, when science has rather under-
mined the foundations of that trust,
our modern reason, with sociological
training, teaches us that the yielding
to that primal fear which betrays
itself in greed is unjust. It withholds
on the chance of future needs the pre-
sent needs of others. Our definition
of justice is no longer an exact tit-for-
tat. In fact, many of us again go to
the same teacher of the principle
under discussion, and take his views
of justice, as in "Unto this last." In
this way we find that the principle
(of giving being blessed) does not
transcend justice, but is justice, and
that not to give when we have it to
give is unjust. We condemn the "dog
in the manger," and we condemn the
grabber who goes on amassing (with-
out the purpose of giving) after his
own normal needs are secured. We do
not (we who think along these lines)
praise the millionaire for giving,
because we see in his giving merely an
act of justice. His gifts are no bigger,
as regards their blessedness, than the
Widow's Mite. The principle as
enunciated was a part of a larger
philosophy, of a form of Communism,
which believed in general poverty in
the sense of individual ownership, and
its meaning for giving was that of
social service. But in this as politics
the Bishop does not believe, the
Friends' Missionary Society does not
believe, and particularly the Hong-
kong audience which listened to the
lecture does not believe. As for the
suspicious and antagonistic forces
that are threatening to disrupt society, if
this means labour and capital, bare justice
will counteract and abolish them. If
it means international suspicious and
antagonisms, then other instincts
come into play that are not covered
by the principle discussed. To coun-
teract them, reason must be permitted
to conquer the pugnacious instinct,
which, originating very likely over
the need for the limited food supply,
and its incidental fears, has become
that sort of habit which is proverbially
second nature. Here the lecturer's
Society figured fairly well in war
time, but others did not. The prin-
ciple of the non-resistance of aggres-
sion is quite another matter, which
we are under no obligation to discuss,
because we have not so far discovered
any who believe in it, though many
profess to, in a general, uninterested,
formal manner.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Charles A.S. Russ, solicitor,
has joined Mr. H. C. Lee in particu-
larship. The firm now practices as
Messrs. Lee and Russ.

The Bishop of Victoria has left
the Colony on a visit to Shiu-hing and
Canton, and does not expect to return
to Hongkong until the end of October.

In connection with the high-rent
agitation in Chaipei, a Shanghai paper
reports that it is notable one group
of 207 houses has a tenancy of 3,000
Chinese.

Eight Irish Catholic priests, seven
from dioceses in Ireland and one from
the Brentwood Diocese, Essex, who
have volunteered to serve in China,
embarked at Queenstown on Sept. 8
in the Cunard mail steamer "Albatross."

Far Easterners will be interested
to learn that Mr. R. H. Twining, who
practically won the County Cricket
Championship for Middlesex by his
almost faultless score of 135 in the
second innings against Surrey, is with
the firm of Messrs. Panmure, Gordon
and Co., on the Stock Exchange.

An engagement is announced be-
tween Mr. L. O. Tasker, Chartered
Bank of India, Australia and China,
son of the late Rev. W. H. Tasker,
of Aspal, Suffolk, and Miss Maria
Frances G. L. Gedge, younger daughter
of the Rev. A. L. Gedge, senior
chaplain to the Forces (retired), rector
of Earl Stotham, Suffolk.

Mr. T. H. Whitehead, late chief
manager of the Chartered Bank of
India, Australia and China, has
conferred on his native place, Dun-
blane, Perthshire, a gift of
£1,000 4 per cent. Funding
Loan, out of which prizes are to be
awarded annually to leading pupils
from schools in the parish as an en-
couragement to them to proceed with
their studies.

Major and Brevet Lieutenant-
Colonel L. F. Conyn, C.M.G., D.S.C.,
Connaght Rangers, has been ap-
pointed General Staff Officer at
Singapore. He served with distinction
in the late war, getting
mentioned in despatches four
times, and receiving in further
recognition of the services the
C.M.G., D.S.C., and promotion to
rank of lieutenant-colonel by brevet.
Lieutenant-Colonel Conyn was com-
missioned in the Rangers in May, 1899,
got his captaincy in 1908 and
majority in 1916.

SPECIAL CABLE.

MURDER CHARGE.

ACCUSED A PHYSICAL WRECK.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Oct. 12.
Theodore Georgopoulos, the Greek
charged with the murder of his wife
at Woosung recently was again before
the International Mixed Court yester-
day. Accused was described as clear-
mentally, but physically a wreck.
Evidence was given as to the unhappy
and penurious married life the couple
had led. The case was again ad-
judged.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Canton mill workers' second
strike has been settled.

A clean bill of health was return-
ed for the Colony yesterday.

Canton electricians are now re-
quired to pass an examination before
they will be granted licences.

Tomorrow morning Messrs
Hughes and Hough will auction a
quantity of household furniture, also
one grand piano.

Mr. A. Wilson, Commissioner of
Chinese Customs at Canton, sailed for
Hongkong on a holiday by the "Empress
of Russia" to-day. Mrs. Wilson ac-
companies her husband.

Two sprinklers ordered by the
Canton Municipality from England
several months ago have arrived and
will be used on the malacoon. The
two sprinklers cost about \$30,000.

The Shanghai Interport polo
players left Hongkong by the
"Empress of Russia" to-day. The
party of five comprised Mr. and Mrs.
E. H. McMichael, and Messrs. C. C.
Boyd, H. G. Robinson and J. F.
Brennan.

Touring the Far East to study
Chinese and Japanese architecture,
Mr. John F. Harris, a New York City
architect, left for Shanghai by the
"Empress of Russia" to-day. Mr.
Harris will visit Peking and then
leave for Japan.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., ac-
companied by his wife and daughter
and a small party of friends, sailed by
the "Empress of Russia" to-day. A
break of several weeks will be made
at Japan and the journey homewards
will be resumed on the "Empress of
Asia" next voyage.

Among the passengers who sailed
for Shanghai by the C.P.S. R.M.S.
"Empress of Russia" to-day were Sir
Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. C. S. Gabbay, of
Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Mr.
B. C. Hall, of the Pacific Mail
Steamship Co., and Mr. W. G.
Anderson, of the China Mail Steam-
ship Company.

About 7.40 p.m., yesterday, a
fire broke out in a matched occupied
by workmen engaged in the construc-
tion of the new motor road to the
Peak, east of Wanchai Gap. A strong
breeze fanned the flames which spread
with such rapidity that the structure
was soon completely gutted. All the
inmates escaped, but were unable to
save their effects.

Mr. Byron Alexander from Van-
couver, Canada, arrived here on the
last "Empress," with a splendid line-
up of Canadian furs, including dark
Alaska, mink, mole, Hudson seal,
skunk and ermine. The latest Paris
and New York styles in opera wraps,
coats, capes, stoles, ties and
scarves. Mr. Alexander has arranged
to display these handsome furs ex-
clusively with Wm. Powell Ltd.,
stores. The sale, for one week only,
begins on Monday, Oct. 17.

A village drama was enacted in
the Yangzepoo district on Wednes-
day afternoon last. Subscribers to a
Yau Wei lottery, to which \$326
had been subscribed, were gathered
outside a shop in the village to partici-
pate in the drawing. A man was
about to make the draw when a shot
was fired in through the window, six
robbers having suddenly appeared on
the scene. Two more shots were fired,
and in the confusion a member of the
gang appropriated the lottery prize
which had been heaped up on the
table for all to see. The gang then
raided a rice shop and general store,
collecting another \$139, and then es-
caped into the country.

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POLO CLUB.

YESTERDAY'S GYMKHANA.

SHANGHAI LIGHT HORSE
DEFEATED.

VISITORS WIN TENT-PEGGING.

At the Polo ground, Causeway Bay,
yesterday afternoon, a large gather-
ing of interested spectators, including
a good percentage of ladies, wit-
nessed a gymkhana arranged in
connection with the visit of the
Shanghai Interport Polo team.
The chief events on the program-
me were a polo match between the
Shanghai Light Horse, and a Hong-
kong team representing the Army Post
and Present; and an Interport Tent-
Pegging competition. The A. P. & P.
won the polo match and Shanghai the
tent-pegging. The Band of the Wil-
shire Regiment attended and con-
tributed much to the afternoon's en-
joyment with an excellent programme
of music.

POLO.

The match started at 3 p.m. The
teams turned out as follows:—
Shanghai Light Horse: Cox, 1;
Boyd, 2; Robinson 3; and Mac-
Michael, back.

Army Post and Present: Bell-
Irving, 1; Johnson, 2; Nerille, 3;
and Timmis, back.

The teams were well matched. The
game which was a more open one,
with the players not so bunched up
as in the Interport match, was full
of interest. Although not so fast
as the previous match, yester-
day's game was closely contested, and
the result was in doubt up to the final
whistle. Only four chukkas were
played. The first two were goalless,
but there were some very narrow
shaves. The A. P. & P. opened the
scoring in the third through Neville,
who sent in a fast drive from a
difficult angle. Hongkong determined
to score in the third chukka, and
with good combination, were
soon well in. Neville scored
again with a cross-shot. With Hong-
kong leading by two clear goals,
Shanghai assumed the offensive in
the closing few minutes of the match,
and Boyd scored with a beautiful long
drive. The closing whistle came al-
most simultaneously. Hongkong
won a hard fought match by the odd
goal in three. There was little to
choose between the form exhibited
by the teams. Shanghai had more
openings; but their shooting was not
so accurate as on Monday. The
Hongkong men combined well.
Timmis at back was the main-
stay of the team and successfully
tackled many difficult situations.
The best player on the field, he gave
a display far superior to the form
shown in the Interport match.

Brig-Gen. MacNaughten was in
charge of the game.

TENT-PEGGING.
In this Interport event, points
were awarded for pace and style,
also for strikes, draws and carries.
The rival teams were:
Shanghai: Brennan, Boyd, Mac-
Michael and Robinson.
Hongkong: MacNaughten, Fisher,
Bell-Irving and Timmis.

Each team had three tries. Some
interesting competition was witness-
ed, and the verdict went to the
visitors by a small margin.

Catching the Tennis Ball.—Horse-
men to ride at full gallop and throw
a tennis ball for a lady partner to
catch. There was a large number of
entries for this event and some
difficulty in deciding it, as it proved
very difficult for the ladies to catch
the ball. For this they were not to
be blamed. They tried gamely and
one lady over-reached herself and fell
full length in a strenuous effort to
make a catch. The riders often forgot
the momentum the ball already
derived from the gallop and added
additional force by making a strong
throw. In those cases it was im-
possible to catch the ball. Ultimately
Lieut. Lane and Mrs. Bowden Smith
were declared winners.

Gold.—Competitors were mounted
and rode round the ground hitting a
gold ball round a post with any golf
club except a putter, to a hole
opposite the Pavilion. The first com-
petitor holding out won. Major Timmis
won this event.

Gretna Green Stakes.—This was a
very amusing contest. A number of
riches coolies and their vehicles had
been requisitioned. Lady competitors
took their seats in the riches, their
partners rode down from the other end
of the field at full gallop, dismounted
as quickly as they could, threw the
reins into the hands of their maloes,
dashed a few score yards to the
riches and trundled their partners
to the winning post. The winners
were Miss Delacombe and Mr. Bevan.

Musical Chairs was fairly diverting,
but it is funnier played with mules.
Mr. Potts won this after making a
dead heat with Capt. Fisher. They
had half a chair each!

Threading the Needle Race.—It was
difficult to see to thread the needle by
the time this event was started.
Riders carried a needle and thread

YESTERDAY'S WEDDING.

MR. J. R. WOOD MARRIES MISS
G. F. KEMBER.

Mr. John Rockruge Wood, son of
the late Rev. J. R. Wood and Mrs.
Wood of Upper Holloway, London,
who has for a year past been acting as
Puisne Judge, was married at St.
John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon
to Miss Gladys Frances Kember,
daughter of Mrs. Kember of
Bedford Park, London, and the
late Mr. Harold Kember.

No invitations to the ceremony had
been issued but there was a large con-
gregation which included many
prominent civil servants. Amongst
those present were:—The Hon. Mr.
Cland Severn C.M.G. and Mrs. Severn,
His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz,
and Mrs. Gompertz, the Hon. Mr.
C. McL. Messer, the Hon. Mr. H. E.
and Mrs. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. Lau
Chu Pak, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Mr.
E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. G. N. Orme,
Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. W. F. Sayer,
Mr. Hugh Nesbit, Mr. and Mrs. A.
Dyer Ball, Mr. C. H. Wakeman, Mr.
T. M. Hazlerigg, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Mr.
C. G. Alabaster, Mr. F. G. Vaux, Mr.
E. W. Hamilton, Mr. R. H. Kotewall,
Mr. Li Po-kwai and Mr. Li Yik-mui.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C.,
O.B.E., gave away the bride who
wore a dress of cream satin champagne,
trimmed with lace and orange blossom,
and a tulle veil. She carried a
bouquet of white flowers and maiden
hair fern. As hostess Mrs. Kemp
attended the bride and she wore over
a pale mauve crepe satin, a georgette
dress of the same shade beautifully
embroidered in silks of a deeper shade
with grey hat and shoes to match.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne acted as best
man and the Rev. Marten Shewell,
Chaplain to the Forces, took the service.
Mr. Temple Bevan, at the organ,
played a voluntary as the bride
arrived and Mendelssohn's "Wedding
March" at the end of the ceremony.

The honeymoon is to be spent in
Japan. The bride is going away dress
was of fawn gabardine embroidered
in self-colour and a velvet toque to
match.

HOSPITAL FOR WANCHAI.

PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME.

The proposal to build a free public
hospital at Wanchai was further dis-
cussed at a meeting held at the Tung
Wah Hospital yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ho Kwong, who presided,
reminded the meeting that the
provision of a modern hospital
would involve an enormous outlay in
point both of initial expenditure and
maintenance costs. Six or seven
hundred thousand dollars would have
to be raised and if the Govern-
ment could not be prevailed upon to
grant a free site, considerably
more would be required. Mr.
Ho Kwong strongly urged that
the projected institution should be
made a branch of the Tung Wah
hospital since the co-operation of the
Tung Wah authorities would be of
very material assistance.

The Chairman's proposal that a
Committee should be appointed to
interview the directors of the Tung
Wah hospital on the subject was
seconded by Mr. Chan Pik-chuen and
agreed to by the meeting. It was
decided then to write to the Tung
Wah authorities asking them to fix a
date for the meeting.

KINEMA NOTES.

THE WORLD THEATRE.

BRIDES OF OTHER DAYS.

One of the hardest things which
Winifred Kingston ever tackled was
learning what kind of wedding veil was
worn in England at the end of the
eighteenth century. Miss Kingston
had need of one in a scene of her
William Fox picture, "The Scarlet
Pimpernel," and it took weeks of
research and the assistance of several
librarians before she finally solved the
mystery. However, as is the case
with everything the petite player
attempts, she came out victorious.
"The Scarlet Pimpernel" will be
shown at the World Theatre on Friday,
October 14.

and dismounted at a point where
their maloes awaited them. They
then ran to a point where their lady
partners were standing with a cigar-
ette and box of matches. A cigarette
had to be lit and the needle threaded.
Mrs. Bowden Smith and Mr. Bell
Irving were the winners.

Lady Kirkpatrick, gracefully dis-
tributed the prizes. At the con-
clusion of the ceremony she
was accorded three hearty cheers.
Lieut-General Kirkpatrick briefly re-
turned thanks.

Lieut. Colonel Clement-Smith
judged all the events. Brig-Gen.
MacNaughten officiated as M. C.
and Mr. Fiddes-Wilson was time-
keeper.

CHINA COAST.

SHIPPING PERSONALS.

LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. L. V. Rowe has been appointed
super-numerary second officer, "Sheng-
king."

Mr. W. G. Mackenzie, second officer,
"Chenan," is on reserve.

Mr. A. J. Mandell has been
appointed second officer, "Chenan."

Mr. A. Macfarlane, chief engineer,
"Sunning," is on leave.

Mr. J. I. Manthie, from leave, has
gone chief engineer, "Sunning."

Mr. A. A. Jamieson, chief engineer,
"Ichang," is on reserve.

Mr. D. W. P. Inglis, second engineer,
"Ichang," has gone acting chief
engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. W. Kennedy, from reserve,
has gone second engineer, "Ichang."

Mr. T. S. King, from leave, has
gone chief officer, "Luenho."

Mr. J. H. Davey, acting chief
officer, "Luenho," has gone second
officer, same ship.

Mr. H. W. Chandler, acting master,
"Yusang," has gone chief officer,
"Kingsang."

Mr. O. V. R. Basham, acting chief
officer, "Kingsang," has gone second
officer, same ship.

Mr. E. F. Casey, second officer,
"Kingsang," is on reserve.

Mr. C. Alexandre, chief officer,
"Loksang," has gone chief officer,
"Yannis."

Mr. M. Costello, chief officer,
"Yannis," has gone chief officer,
"Loksang."

Mr. E. T. Whicker, super-numerary
second officer, "Yannis," has gone
second officer, "Loksang."

Mr. C. Fletcher, second officer,
"Loksang," has gone super-numerary
second officer "Yannis."

Mr. H. Fantham, from leave, has
gone super-numerary second officer,
"Yusang."

Mr. J. C. Arnot, from leave, has
gone super-numerary second officer,
"Kumsang."

Mr. E. C. W. Hassall, super-numerary
second officer, "Kumsang," is on
leave.

Mr. W. M. H. Adam, third engineer,
"Koorshing," has gone third engi-
neer, "Loongwo."

Mr. W. Murray third engineer,
"Loongwo," has gone third engineer,
"Koorshing."

Mr. L. F. Raks, acting chief officer,
"Kwangle," has gone second officer,
"Hsiakong."

Mr. J. Mackellar, chief officer,
"Kiangsin," has gone chief officer,
"Kwangle."

Mr. K. Leamen, from leave, has
gone second engineer, "Kiangsin."

Captain E. Budgen, of the
"Kwangle," has resigned.

Mr. G. W. Ellis, chief officer,
"Kwangle," has gone acting
master, same ship.

Mr. J. C. Laing, chief officer, "Kai-
ping," has gone chief officer,
"Kwangle."

Mr. W. E. Earle, second officer,
"Kai-ping," has gone chief officer,
same ship.

Mr. R. D. Stanley-Smith, super-
numerary second officer, "Kai-ping,"
has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. W. J. Barkus has been ap-
pointed super-numerary second officer,
"Kai-ping."

FOOTBALL.

"Ambrose" met St. Josephs in a
friendly game on Navy "B" ground
last evening, and after a very one-
sided game ran out winners by 6-1.
From the kick off "Ambrose" took
possession of the game and penetrated
their opponents' defence twice. Half
time arrived with the score 2-0.

During the second half "Ambrose"
had matters all their own way except
one breakaway by the St. Josephs
forwards when their centre forward
beat "Ambrose" goalie with a fine
shot.

"CAIRO" V. POLICE.

This friendly game was played on
Navy "A" ground. From the kick off
the Police went away, and forced a
corner. Blair took the kick but sent
behind. The Police continued to press
and shots from Robertson and Valen-
tine hit the post. Half time arrived
with the score sheet blank. From the
restart "Cairo" went away and their
outside left scored with a splendid
shot. During this half "Cairo" had
the best of the game, several shots
from their forwards just missing the
posts. No further scoring took place
"Cairo" winning by 1-0.

For the winners their centre for-
ward and right half were the out-
standing players. The Police, who
tried several new players including Dr.
Valentine had hard luck in the first
half, they should have scored on at
least two occasions, but on the run of
the game the better team won—
W.E.H.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

GENERAL DISARMAMENT IMPOSSIBLE

BUT REASONABLE LIMITATION PRACTICABLE

PRESIDENT HARDING'S VIEWS.

WASHINGTON, October 12.

What President Harding's opinion of the possibility of universal disarmament which he was asked to support by Mr. Brooklyneite, appears from the reply in which he declares this as beyond the hope of realisation and perhaps not even desirable. Reasonable limitation is a practicable proposition but human nature would require revolutionary reorganisation to make universal disarmament possible.

AMERICAN DELEGATES' FIRST MEETING.

WASHINGTON, October 12.

The first meeting of American delegates to the disarmament conference was held at the State Department to-day when formulation of the policies America will pursue was begun.

FULL PUBLICITY FAVOURED.

LATER.

It is understood that the disarmament delegates favoured admitting the Press to all the full sessions of the conference.

Portugal formally accepted the invitation to participate in the conference.

BRITISH DELEGATION.

LONDON, October 12.

Reuter's Agency learns that Mr. Balfour will probably be persuaded to go to the Washington Conference and will head the British delegation.

PACIFIC WIRELESS AND CABLES.

WASHINGTON, October 12.

The Government has added wireless and cable communications in the Pacific to the proposed subjects of the forthcoming conference.

"THOROUGHLY B.D."

FIERCE PRESS CRITICISM OF PANAMA TOLLS BILL.

New York, October 12.

The New York Times states that Senator Lodge voiced President Harding's opinion in urging rejection of the Bill and describes its passage by the Senate as a thoroughly bad business and every possible step should be taken to undo the mischief. The administration, the paper declares, ought to lose no time in letting foreign governments and Americans know it will go no further.

BRITISH FINANCIAL MISSION.

INTEREST PAYMENTS ON UNITED STATES LOANS.

New York, October 12.

Former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. McKenna, now Chairman of the London City and Midland Bank, has arrived on a financial mission. He was met by a Treasury representative. He is expected to confer regarding the interest on payments on United States loans.

FUNDING OF ALLIED DEBTS.

WASHINGTON, October 12.

Instead of Mr. Mellon, the Secretary to the Treasury, being entrusted with plenary powers as regards the funding of the foreign debt due to the United States, it is now expected that a bill which the ways and means committee of the House of representatives approved will be passed creating a commission under Mr. Mellon's chairmanship.

[Mr. Mellon urged that Congress should take early action, giving him the fullest authority to conduct the funding negotiations at the earliest moment. The indebtedness of one Allied nation to another must also be considered: in other words, America must co-operate with other creditor nations in arranging a plan of settlement. The Governments of Europe, who owed about nine-tenths of the total debt, would in a year be in a condition to pay interest, of which none had yet been collected. No foreign Government had suggested cancellation of the debt since 1919. Mr. Mellon deprecated deferring the funding legislation until after the Conference.]

BRITISH INTERESTS IN RUSSIA.

PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET FAIL.

AGREEMENT CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE.

LONDON, October 12.

Contrary to anticipations, the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated Company announces the failure of protracted negotiations with the Soviet Government for the return of the Company's properties. The Company's Chairman, Mr. Leslie Urquhart, who spent three weeks in Moscow negotiating a draft contract, has also written to M. Krassin showing the impossibility of any dealings with the Soviet authorities. He says that political and economic conditions in Russia are so impossible that the Company prefers to remain as claimants against Russia for the Soviets' unlawful appropriation of its properties and working capital than enter into a contract for their return, since so long as the Communist Party controls the Soviet Government the former could through its instruments the Cheka or Extraordinary Commission of the Third International and professional unions render any agreement with Soviet Government inoperative.

[Previous cables said that Mr. Leslie Urquhart had reached agreement with the Bolsheviks on 35 out of 39 points concerning the reopening of the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated Company's mining properties. He was to discuss the remaining points with M. Krassin in London. Lenin and his Government invited Mr. Leslie Urquhart accompanied by five technical experts, to proceed to Moscow to pursue the preliminary negotiations started by M. Krassin in London, with the view to the return of the Russo-Asiatic Company's Siberian properties.]

BULGARIA'S 1918 CABINET.

HIGH COURT TRIAL OPENS.

SOFIA, October 13.

The trial of the Radislavoff Cabinet which was in office at the time of Bulgaria's entry into the war, has opened in the high court.

HUGENLUND'S DISPUTE.

VENICE CONFERENCE REACHES SETTLEMENT.

VENICE, October 13.

Austrian and Hungarian delegations under the presidency of the Italian Foreign Minister have arrived at a settlement of the dispute over West Hungary.

LOCAL CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.
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The following will play for the Club on Saturday next, commencing at 2.15:—H. R. B. Hancock (Capt.) T. E. Pearce, E. J. R. Mitchell, L. J. Davies, Capt. P. Havelock Davis, R. E. A. Webster, H. H. Benson, W. J. Hope, M. M. Watson, R. C. Edkins, and E. G. G. Lammert.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of October, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Severn Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of October, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Craigfurn Road, The Peak, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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1	At Craigfurn Road, 11,000 ft.	about 11,000	11,000	11,000

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1	At New Road, 11,000 ft.	about 11,000	11,000	11,000

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PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of October, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND at Shaikwan Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

No. of Sale	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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MANIFESTO OF THE ANTI-MUITSAI SOCIETY. INTRODUCTORY.

The attention of the public was drawn to the *muitsai* question in 1917 by a case at the Criminal Sessions in which Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Counsel for the defence, argued that his client could not be convicted of having enticed two little girls out of the custody of their lawful guardians inasmuch as they were *muitsai*. Lt. Col. John Ward, M.P., took a great interest in this matter, and though forbidden by Service Regulations from taking any open and active interest in political questions, he communicated with the Labour Party in England on this subject, and they interviewed the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Later, Mrs. H. L. Hazlewood, wife of Lt. Commander Hazlewood, R.N., came to the Colony and actively interested herself in this question. From the outset, Mr. H. A. Cartwright, Editor of *The Hongkong Daily Press*, has been discussing the *muitsai* system with the result that the question, "why is the practice of keeping *muitsai* permitted in the British Colony of Hongkong?" is being asked by a constantly increasing number of fair-minded people, both here and in England. Upon this question members of the House of Commons have repeatedly interrogated the Secretary of State for the Colonies and have requested that this system of domestic slavery be abolished. The founders of this Society are convinced that those people are solely actuated by the laudable desire to assist thousands of unfortunate girls and to preserve the fair name of Great Britain.

In consequence of the growing interest in the campaign in England on behalf of the *muitsai* a mass meeting was convened by the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council on 30th July, 1921, in the Tai Ping Theatre, Hongkong. It is regretted that this meeting was called to reply to five set questions which do not touch the roots of the subject, and that the Chairman refused to put to the vote a resolution, duly proposed and seconded, that the *muitsai* system be abolished in the Colony. Fearing that the effect of this meeting may be to aid the preservation of this iniquitous practice, we have formed the Anti-*muitsai* Society with the object of relieving the sufferings of the *muitsai* and supporting the kind efforts of the Western friends. Our Society will cease to function as soon as abolition of the *muitsai* system is finally effected, and while functioning will take no part in any other social or political question. Undaunted by the magnitude of our task and conscious of the righteousness of our cause, we hereby issue this manifesto in the hope that it will receive the careful consideration of all irrespective of sex, race, nationality, religion or domicile.

INHERENT EVILS OF THE MUITSAI SYSTEM.

(a) There are those who fear *muitsai* in name but bring up girls for prostitution in fact, and this heinous practice is known in Chinese as "Cao Chieh" which means rearing of female silk-flowers for prostitution. This statement is unrefuted and irrefutable. The enlightened Chinese Press has persistently and clearly brought to the notice of the public. There has been so much light admitted into this dark practice that details are unnecessary.

(b) The treatment meted out to a *muitsai* is similar to that meted out to a slave. A slave is bought with money; a *muitsai* also is bought with money. A slave is robbed of rights and liberties; a *muitsai* also is robbed of rights and liberties. A slave can be exploited without reserve; a *muitsai* also can be exploited without reserve. A slave is not paid for labour; a *muitsai* also is not paid for labour. A slave can be re-sold; a *muitsai* also can be re-sold. In short, the similarity between the two is not striking; indeed, the only material difference lies in the fact that, whereas the word "slave" is applicable to those

whose servitude is life-long and extends to their posterity, the word *muitsai* applies to females whose servitude ceases on attaining womanhood. This is a clear instance of depriving human beings of their human rights.

(c) It is an incontestable fact that a *muitsai* is liable to all sorts of maltreatment dictated by the whims and caprices of her owner. The number of cases of gross cruelty reported in the local press is not small, but cruelty is rampant, and the amount of cruelty that does not see the light of day is incalculable. That a *muitsai* after being ravished by her master or members of her owner's household is discarded with or without provision or re-sold is also frequently heard. Up to the present, it has not been the business of any one to collect proofs of these iniquities that disgust the respectable and appal the clean-minded.

We hereby aver that the above are the chief inherent evils of the *muitsai* system.

(II) REASONS FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MUITSAI SYSTEM.

(a) Injurious to Public Morality. Girls bought as *muitsai* are mostly of tender age. To burden their partially-developed bodies with heavy and unpleasant tasks is both distressing and pitiable. Under an owner that is inconsiderate the *muitsai*'s fare is of the scantiest, her hours of work are undehed, her illness is unattended to, her duties are exacting, her responsibilities are heavy, and no consideration is given to the possibility of her being overworked and underfed. Following upon these harsh conditions, the right of disposing her person is exercised by strangers, who subordinate her welfare to their own purse. To be married to an old man or boorish countryman or disposed of as a concubine, is her usual fate. Sold for a price, she in no way differs from any commodity of commerce. Hence the *muitsai* system is injurious to public morality.

(b) Subversive of Righteousness. In most families where *muitsai* are kept, the inmates are afflicted with conceit and loose morality. The owner assumes the role of a lord and master, while the *muitsai* is relegated to the position of a parasite and slave. The gulf between the two being wide, sympathy cannot hope to bridge it. Frequent scolding inevitably leads to cruel treatment; incessant peevishness breeds chronic abuse. All this is subversive of righteousness in the family. When bought by those who live by pandering to the lust of others, she is remorselessly prostituted or "handled as a tree that sheds silver coins." Noticed by the voluptuous, she is promptly rushed into a harem.

Hence the *muitsai* system encourages licentiousness and poisons the moral atmosphere. What is to be said to this injury to public righteousness?

(c) Injurious to National Prestige. As early as 1884, legislation was introduced into Egypt to abolish domestic slavery. In 1885 it was decided at the Berlin Congress that the traffic in slaves should be rigidly suppressed by International Law. The Peace Treaty of 1918 included not only the Covenant of the League of Nations, but the International Labour Convention, under which the High Contracting Parties also agree to endeavour to secure and maintain fair and humane conditions of labour for men, women and children, both in their own countries and in all countries to which their commercial and industrial relations extend. It is necessary to point out that one of the principles affirmed by the Signatories to this Treaty is that labour should not be regarded merely as an article of commerce. We regret that there are Chinese resident abroad who infringe public law by indulging in the traffic in human flesh. On the plea that they are but following a long-established practice, they slur over the shameful nature of such transactions and unknowingly place themselves beyond the pale of civilization. Such conduct does not enhance the prestige of China even in the eyes of friendly Powers. Furthermore, so long as the *muitsai* system is countenanced by law and remains unabashed, the crime of kidnapping is encouraged,

thereby militating against good order and government.

If only for these reasons, we strongly advocate the abolition of the system.

(III) MUITSAI-KEEPING NOT CHARITY.

Opponents of change invariably plead that this traffic in human beings is due to the desperate poverty of the masses and that it is mutually beneficial. The buyer obtains cheap service, while the seller obtains financial relief. Therefore, to buy a *muitsai* is a charitable act from which the poor derive material benefit. This argument does not lack plausibility, but careful consideration reveals its hollowness. In Charity, the dispenser must show sacrifice and the character of the recipient must be preserved. In buying another's daughter to "suit one's own convenience, where is there sacrifice? In exchanging another's cash for one's own daughter, where is character manifest? Were we approached by a poor man, in the name of Charity, to buy his wife, would we do so? Would we rather not relieve his distress without exacting the pound of flesh? One who offers to sell his wife is devoid of character, and philanthropists have not the heart to buy her. The parent who sells his daughter is, likewise, devoid of character, and anyone who buys her is helping to destroy one of the most sacred of human bonds!

Another superficial view is, that the *muitsai* system helps to decrease the practice of drowning female children in the interior of China by poverty-stricken parents. Let the civilization of China be unjustifiably maligned, let it be known that child-murder is a grave criminal offence under China's own laws. Assuming that child drowning in the past was rampant, did people refrain from buying and selling girls? Now child drowning is less prevalent, is it to be attributed to rearing or preparing these girls for slave traffic? In child-drowning, the victim is invariably a day or two old, while girls sold as *muitsai* have generally attained the age of five or six years, an age at which they can be useful and help to earn their daily bread, which is impossible at the earlier age during which their parents keep them. The truth is that child-drowning bears no relationship whatever to the *muitsai* system, and it is also patent that selfishness or greed underlies every transaction in human flesh.

Not only is *muitsai*-keeping not Charity, but, on the contrary, the *muitsai* system encourages selfish and mercenary men to part with their children unnecessarily in order to enable themselves to be more self-indulgent. Instances of selling a girl to preserve a roof over the heads of her parents, younger brothers, or sisters are rare, whereas selling a daughter to satisfy a father's craving for opium and the excitement of the gambling table is so common that it has frequently been depicted on the Chinese stage. It is often asserted that the poor sell their issue on account of poverty; but if they cannot keep them, how is it that they manage to do so until the girls are old enough to be sold as *muitsai*? Even if the plea that poverty is the dominant factor in such an inhuman transaction were true, to what extent can Hongkong hope to relieve the distress of China in this way? Though the assistance must be negligible in this direction, the Hongkong Government is in a position to assist in a far more efficacious manner by abolishing the *muitsai* system within its territory and thereby setting an example of reform which will be followed throughout the vast Republic of China.

We hereby declare that to lend the cause of charity as a defence of the *muitsai* system is hypocritical and absurd.

(IV) FUTILETY OF REFORM BY PERSUASIVE METHODS.

The cause of ill-treatment to the *muitsai* lies in the severity and stringency of the demand by which she is sold. The inclusion of such clauses as "To be disposed of, at the purchaser's fit" and "No enquiry

of her whereabouts or in the event of her death is permitted" clearly indicates that the question of her life and death is absolutely in the hands of her owner. With this knowledge in her mind, the *muitsai* dares not revolt against tyranny by which she is oppressed; anxious not to disturb the neighbourly feeling, the bystander finds it inconvenient to interfere; and so long as the owner does not get within the clutches of the Law, he or she can do what he or she wishes with the unfortunate girl. The roots of cruelty to the *muitsai* lie firmly embedded here; and the only way to remove the evil lies in the eradication of the roots through Government action in cancelling these documents of sale and refusing to recognise their validity. The buying and selling of human beings in this British Colony would thereby receive its death-blow, and the *muitsai* would be "liberated." Instead of proceeding in this direction, opponents of reform talk of devising ways and means to prevent cruelty to the *muitsai*, overlooking the fact that they preserve the poison in the system through neglecting the source of the disease. It is common knowledge that, in spite of such protection as is afforded by the Law, the vigilance of Police and the supervision of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, cruelty to *muitsai* is still rampant, and, where constituted Authority has failed to remedy an evil, it is obviously far-fetched to expect success from the propaganda of private citizens and the scrutiny of a charitable institution. Moreover, "protection is efficacious only when it comes from those to whom cruel treatment is meted; and to promote a society of *muitsai* owners for the prevention of cruelty without assisting those liable to ill-treatment to liberate themselves may be aptly compared to the formation of a league by cats in the interests of the mouse. The only way to prevent ill-treatment lies in making a clean sweep of the instruments of sale by which one human being is permitted to hold in his hand the destiny of another who is powerless to resist ill-treatment. How is it possible to stop the steam from a boiling kettle without withdrawing the fuel under it, or should one, afraid of being drunk, continue to imbibe pint after pint? It is our strong conviction that reform by persuasion is futile when applied to the *muitsai* system.

(V) TENTATIVE PROPOSALS TO EFFECT ABOLITION.

It is often said that the *muitsai* system should be abolished, and it is often asked, "How is abolition possible without a constructive scheme?" What is to be done with the liberated *muitsai*, and how are we to surprise those who are permitted to remain with their owners from the pivot of which almost all arguments in this burning question finally converge. It is, however, ridiculous to assume that the "Anti *muitsai* Society" merely aims at setting all these unfortunate girls adrift without any further thought of their welfare. The first step in emancipation is to cancel all documents of sale, in whatever guise, to prevent re-sale. The girl's purchase price is to be considered as money advanced to her parent, and, for this consideration, the *muitsai* will have to remain to work for her owner for a certain number of years to be fixed by a Commission before she regains her freedom. The power of appointing all commissions or individuals to further the work of emancipation will, of course, be exercised by the Government, whose co-operation in founding a temporary industrial home, as in Egypt, has also to be sought. With a little assistance, the unfettered *muitsai* can be self-supporting and will eventually be absorbed into the ranks of domestic servants and factory hands. It will also be necessary to form an Employment Bureau to facilitate this absorption. To-day the services of a "Chu lin mui" i.e. a hired servant girl are greatly in demand, and it is confidently expected that the majority of the liberated *muitsai* will earn their living as such. Thus, she will be protected after her emancipation until she can lead for herself. This rough

outline of procedure has the merit of impartiality to recommend it, since the interests of the owner are not ignored. It is also expected that sometimes the interests of the owner may clash with those of the *muitsai*; but any such differences can safely be left in the hands of the Government for satisfactory adjustment. It is our conviction that the following tentative proposals form a sound and practical basis for the solution of the *muitsai* question.

(a) The "Anti-*muitsai* Society" seeks to assist the public to realize their mistake in continuing the evil practice of keeping *muitsai* by means of literature, by holding public meetings and by giving lectures with the object of effecting abolition of the *muitsai* system in the British Colony of Hongkong.

(b) The "Anti-*muitsai* Society" seeks to petition the Hongkong Government.

(1) To legislate, cancelling all documents of sale and refusing them validity, irrespective of whether the girl is bought as a *muitsai* or as an "adopted daughter." It is necessary to point out that, although the buying and selling of human beings is technically illegal in Hongkong, the law is a dead letter and the official recognition of documents such as "presentation cards," etc., leaves a loophole for the traffic to flourish. Hence cancellation of such documents is enforced; girl-slavery cannot be said to be extinct in this British Colony.

(2) To legislate, requiring compulsory registration of all *muitsai* and "adopted daughters." The distinction between a *muitsai* and an "adopted daughter" is great and should be observed. In genuine cases of adoption, the girl should be permitted to remain with the adopted parent under certain guarantees as to education and treatment. With the cancellation of the document of sale, the *muitsai* ceases to be such and it should be incumbent upon the owner to inform every member of his or her household that the former will no longer be known as *muitsai* but as "young mui" i.e. servant girl. The servant girl will then remain to work with her owner for a certain number of years, to be fixed by a Commission, so that the owner may be compensated by service for the outlay in buying the girl. At eighteen years of age, the servant girl regains her liberty. Should the period of service fixed by the Commission "expire before" that age limit is attained, she may elect to remain with her owner at a monthly wage or seek the assistance of the Employment Bureau for a change. Until she regains her liberty, the servant girl will be under the supervision of inspectors, preferably of the gentry sex and with a knowledge of colloquial Cantonese.

(3) To provide a building for ten years as an industrial home in which the inmates will be taught work of a vocational nature, washing and cooking included. Admission into this home is to be open to servant girls of tender years whose owners may find it troublesome to keep or difficult to manage them and to those who are temporarily out of employment. In the management of this refuge, the assistance of a missionary body should be invoked. A thorough subscription campaign amongst all members of the community, coupled with an annual subsidy from the Hongkong Government, should remove the difficulty of finance.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, it is imperative to point out that the *muitsai* system, into which the plea of necessity does not really enter, is doomed to elimination in this outpost of Western civilization and at the present stage of social development. It is the duty of a civilized community to raise its fellow citizens out of a state of degradation and oppression. When those who have a claim to our sympathy happen to be helpless little girls of tender years living amongst strangers and in where to them is often a strange country, no denial of succour is possible without outraging our feelings of humanity. It is against a Briton's sense of right that children living under the British flag should be treated merely as goods and chattels. Finally it is

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therefore, fervently hoped that the charitable public will support this Society in its efforts to assist thousands of subjugated girls to obtain a glimpse of the light of day and in removing a blot from the administration of Hongkong—one of the bright jewels in the British Crown.

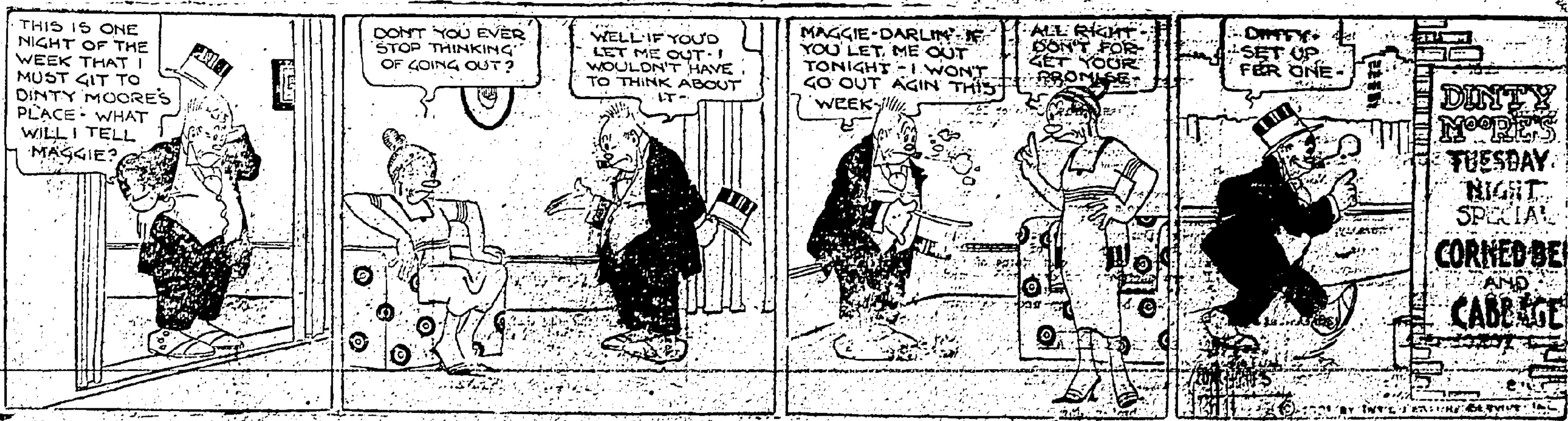
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Hongkong, 12th October, 1921.

Six boxes labelled soap, and delivered at a shipping office in Nanfoo for consignment to Haining were found by the Customs authorities to contain 60 lb. of opium, concealed in the bars of soap. Just before the seizure, an attempt was made to replace the contraband with genuine cargo, the smugglers evidently having been informed that an inspection was about to be made.

Buddhist priests from India, numbering 75, are on their way to Japan, says a dispatch reaching Yokohama. Preparations for the reception of the party are being made by Priestess Ramchand. According to an interview printed in the *Yamato*, she said: "An Indian priest named Abraham of exalted rank and of great age is leading the party which comprises 35 students of Buddhism who probably will stay in Japan for several years studying the condition of Buddhism here, and about 30 other attendants and advisers to the leader of the party, Abraham. The doctrine of Buddhism in India is declining rapidly and the present visit of Indian Buddhist priests is designed to aid in the revival of Buddhism in India. Although the attempt brought opposition from the general Indian priests, Priest Abraham was not to be denied and carried out his plan for the benefit of Indian Buddhism." Japanese Buddhism is awaiting the visit of the Indian priests and also expects to gain much from the interchange of views. An elaborate programme of welcome is under contemplation by leading Buddhists in Japan.

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London, October 12.
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resistance by the Moors unlikely.

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Washington, October 13.
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15. From
Japan and Shanghai Suwa Maru
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16. From
Shanghai Sakin Maru
U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai China
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17. From
EUROPE via Suez (Letter-London, 15th Sept., Parcel)
Japan Nikko Maru
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20. From
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Marquesas, South Africa, India, Java,
Thamshook, Egypt & EUROPE via
Marseilles. Registration 8.45 a.m.
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Sakima 11 a.m.
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Philippine Islands 2 p.m.
Suez and North China 3 p.m.
Dairen, Japan & SAN FRANCISCO 3 p.m.
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

BURGLAR JAILED.**BRIBE OFFERED TO CHINESE
CONSTABLE.**

Before Magistrate Lindsell this morning a Chinese was charged with having been concerned, with another man, not in custody, in the Wing Lok Street burglary, reported yesterday. The ground floor of the house is occupied by a Chinese Import and Export Company, and the other floors are used as a dwelling by the accountant of the firm. The burglars gained admittance to the second floor by climbing through the fan light over the verandah door. They stole \$185 worth of things, jewellery and money, and were about to make their departure down the waste water pipe when one of the inmates was awakened and gave the alarm. The accused was arrested in Wing Lok Street with \$20 worth of property in his possession. The other man made good his escape with the major portion of the loot.

A Chinese detective said that about 6 a.m., on Tuesday, he was in Wing Lok Street when he saw the accused hurrying along with a parcel under his arm. The witness examined the parcel and found it to contain a tweed suit, an empty leather wallet, and a pair of Chinese garters. As accused was unable to give a satisfactory account of how he came to be in possession of the articles, he was taken to the police station. The accountant of the shop described how the burglars gained

admittance to the second floor. They visited every cubicle and then went to the floor above, where every cubicle was also systematically searched. Several boxes containing clothing and valuables were taken to the roof where they were broken open and the contents stolen. The witness lost besides two suits of tweed, and two suits of Chinese clothing, a gold watch and chain, a wallet containing some papers and 20 Chinese \$10 notes which were in the trousers pocket of one of the tweed suits which had not yet been recovered. Later in the morning he was sent for and at the Central Station identified the tweed suit produced, the wallet and the garters as his property.

The accused said that a little before his arrest he met a friend carrying a parcel. When he told his friend that he wished to return to the country but had no money, the latter gave him the parcel to pawn its contents. The Magistrate: "You can't make me believe that. Six months' imprisonment for a second charge of offering a bribe to the detective to release him, the Magistrate said that he did not think it was worth while to go into it."

Inspector Tanagan said that he would not press the charge, but enquired what to do with the money. The Magistrate recalled the accused, upon his admitting having given account of how he came to be in possession of the articles, he was taken to the police station. The accountant of the shop described how the burglars gained

A WANGLE.**THAT DIDN'T WORK.**

When he resumed his seat on the Summary Court Bench this morning after filling for a year the position of acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz had to decide between the very widely divergent accounts of a loan transaction given by an Indian moneylender called Surin Singh and Ah Po, a Chinese chauffeur.

The Indian, who was represented by Mr. Leo Longinotto, claimed payment of \$112 under an I.O.U. which he said the chauffeur had given him last February. He said that the note was written out by an Indian watchman who had since left the Colony and that he handed the defendant \$80 in cash. A watchman who claimed to have been present at the transaction but confessed that he "could only read thumbmarks" was called to give corroborative evidence.

For the defence Mr. H. MacNamara called evidence to show that the I.O.U. was given not to the plaintiff but to the plaintiff's brother and that the transaction took place in May of last year. A chauffeur named Isa Khan said that he wrote the note and saw the plaintiff's brother give the defendant \$50.

Mr. MacNamara explained that both the plaintiff and his brother went in for moneylending but only one of them—the plaintiff—was registered. He suggested that the unregistered brother handed the I.O.U. to the plaintiff in order to induce the defendant to pay up. His Honour found for the defendant and entered judgment in his favour with costs.

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LADIES SECTION.

It is proposed to keep a register of the names of Ladies interested in above. Ladies are requested to send their names to Mrs. Moore, Ladies' Secretary, c/o Government Civil Hospital.

J. B. ROSS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October 13, 1921.

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FINDING STEALING.**DRAIN COOLIE WITH \$500
DIAMOND RING.**

A drain cleaner employed by the P.W.D., was charged before Magistrate Lindsell this morning with the larceny (by finding) of a diamond ring worth \$500.

Inspector Ingham said that he found the ring in a pawnshop in the course of a search in connection with another case. A Sanitary Board foreman was entered in the book as the person who had pledged the ring, and it was through this man that the accused was arrested. The police had so far failed to get a claimant for the ring.

The accused said that he found the ring while cleaning out a drain in Staunton Street. It was in the bottom of the drain, under the grating. He did not know whom to give it to, so he gave it to the foreman to pawn. The foreman said that he was short of money and asked the accused for a loan. The latter said that he had no money but gave him the ring which he said he had borrowed from a

friend to pawn. The witness raised \$250 on it. The Magistrate: Did you not feel suspicious that anyone should lend a diamond ring worth \$500 to a drain coolie?—I took his word for it. Nonsense. I will report you to the Sanitary Board authorities and recommend your dismissal. To the accused: You are guilty of larceny by finding. When you find anything, you must endeavour to find the owner, not convert it to your own use. Sentence was deferred.

SHIPYARD ACCIDENTS.**60-FOOT FALL FROM
SUSPENDED PLANK.**

While at work on a suspended plank on board a new ship in the course of construction (No. 531) at Kowloon Docks yesterday afternoon, a boiler maker, overbalanced and fell a distance of about 50 feet to the bottom of the hold. He received severe injuries to the head, and very little hope is held for his recovery.

Another accident occurred in the yard a few minutes later on board another ship (No. 530). A 15-year old apprentice boiler maker fell a distance of 20 feet into the engine room. He also received injuries to his head, but his condition is not so serious as that of the other man.

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